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For more information about the 2020 Budget, please visit: <http://peelregion.ca/budget/2020/>

■ Staff Presentations

Peel Opioid Strategy Update

Regional Council endorsed the Peel Opioid Strategy and appointed Regional Councillors from each local municipality to participate in planned stakeholder discussions regarding the development of a regional drug strategy in Peel.

Council heard from Dr. Jessica Hopkins, Medical Officer of Health, who stated that there has been a steady increase in prescriptions for opioids over the last 20 years and that Canada is the world's second largest per capita consumer of opioids. She highlighted the emergence of highly potent illicit opioids, such as fentanyl, and the parallel increase in opioid-associated deaths, with many of the deaths involving younger adults. Opioid related harms and deaths have increased markedly since 2013 and 109 people died in 2018 in the Region of Peel due to opioid overdose. The Peel Opioid Strategy focuses on prevention, harm reduction, treatment and enforcement and justice, supported by surveillance and health status data, urgent response planning and coordination and policy and advocacy.

For more information about the Peel Opioid Strategy, please visit: [Item 7.1](#)

Supervised Consumption Site Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study Results

Regional Council endorsed the findings of the Region of Peel's Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study for Supervised Consumption Sites, as summarized in a report from the Commissioner of Health Services and the Medical Officer of Health.

The Medical Officer of Health highlighted that the Study showed that there is a need for supervised consumption services in the Region of Peel. The study also found that people who use drugs would use supervised consumption services if they were available and respondents ranked access to other services, such as counselling, health services and assistance with housing and employment as important. The most common

The following are decisions made by Regional Council on Thursday, December 19, 2019.

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■ Budget

2020 Operating and Capital Budget

Regional Council approved the 2020 Operating and Capital Budget to support the Region of Peel's Strategic Plan and address Council's key priorities. The 2020 Budget includes a property tax increase of 1.5 percent which will contribute an annual increase to the typical residential property and small business property tax bills of \$70 and \$126 respectively. Additionally, the average home will see an increase to their utility bill of 15 cents per day (\$51 per year), while the average small business will see an increase of 36 cents (\$132 per year).

Service investments in 2020 include: 35 additional Peel Regional Police officers; 5,600 additional paramedic response calls; 21,000 more accessible transportation trips; 900 more residents receiving affordable transit; implementation of the Butterfly Model at Tall Pines Long Term Care Centre; and, maintaining state of good repair of almost \$30 billion of infrastructure.



concerns identified by respondents to the general community survey included increase in drug use in the area, more drug trafficking in the area, decrease in property values, impact on the neighbourhood and personal safety concerns.

Next steps include the establishment of a planning and implementation group, consisting of stakeholders. The group will work to increase acceptability and awareness of the benefits and purposes of supervised consumption services and create a venue for engaging in open dialogue around operational considerations.

For more information about the Supervised Consumption Sites Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study results, please visit: [Item 7.3](#)

■ Notice of Motion/Motion

Motion Regarding School Bus Stop Arm Cameras

Regional Council approved a resolution supporting the implementation of cameras on school buses to promote the safety of students and their families. Region of Peel staff will oversee the formation of a working group to provide options and recommendations to Regional Council on how best to proceed with the implementation of a stop-arm camera program for Peel Region.

Council's resolution noted that Peel's school boards serve the transportation interests of a combined 1,450 buses per day and that police would be greatly assisted by this technology and its effect of making roads safer for students. The Cities of Brampton and Mississauga and the Town of Caledon have all passed resolutions in support of implementing and employing the technology on school buses.

For more information, please visit: [Item 19.2](#)

Meetings at a Glance

Next Peel Housing Corporation Special Shareholders Meeting
Thursday, January 9, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.

Next Regional Council Meeting
Thursday, January 9, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.

Next Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 16, 2020 – 11:00 a.m. at the Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives.

All meetings are held in the Region's Council Chamber, Fifth Floor, 10 Peel Centre Dr., Suite A, Brampton, unless otherwise noted.

For additional information on any of the items or to obtain a copy of a report included in Decisions, please contact the Region of Peel, Clerk's Office at 905-791-7800, ext. 4526.

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